MRS. CAUDLE'S CURTAIN LECTURES.

We to-day commence the republication of the famous "Caudle Lectures." These humorous papers originally appeared in the London Punch, about the year 1848, and were begun by Laman Blanchard, one of the first and most prolific writers to that humorous and satirical periodical. Blanchard worked on Punch in its infancy, close and hard, along with its managing editor, Mark Lemon, assisted by Gilbert A'Beckett and the Brothers Mayhew, with the additional assistance of an occasional outside contribution. After Punch was able to extend the Midas wand of £ s. and d., the genii sprang to its assistance without stint. Among the favored of the second class were Douglas Jerrold, Tom Hood, Angus B. Reach, Albert Smith, and others.

Of the originator of the "Curtain Lectures," Laman Blanchard, little is recorded. His literary life was as short as brilliant-condensing into a dozen working years the labor of an ordinary lifetime. Of his private character we can say that he lived a life wholly unlike his "Mr. Caudle;" for in his family Blanchard was peculiarly blessed. His "wife and children three" were the centre of his attraction, as he was of theirs. The antithesis is continued in the fact that, while he made his thousands laugh, he himself seldom smiled. Like Cowper, though he wrote his "John Gilpins" every week, at so much a column, he went through the world as though he owed an apology for being in it.

One Sabbath evening, after talking with his family as he was wont, he retired to his library to end his life by suicide.

The "Caudle Lectures" had become so popular that Punch could not afford to lose them, and Blanchard's friend and fellowlaborer, Douglas Jerrold, took them up and continued them until, by common consent, they were reckoned finished. How well the task was done by Jerrold, the reader himself will determine.

We may add, as regards Punch, that, with the exception of Mark Lemon, its founders, Blanchard, Hood, Jerrold, Smith, and Leech (the artist), are all gone.

THE FIRST LECTURE.

MR. CAUDLE HAS LENT FIVE POUNDS TO A FRIEND. "You ought to be very rich, Mr. Caudie. 1 wonder who'd lend you five pounds? But so it is; a wife may work and may slave! Ha, dear! the many things that might have been done with five pounds. As if people picked up money in the street! But you always were a fool, Mr. Caudle! I've wanted a black satin gown these three years, and that five pounds would have entirely bought it. But it's no matter how I go-not at all. Everybody says I don't dress as becomes your wife-and don't; but what's that to you, Mr. Caudle?

family pays for it. "All the girls want bonnets, and where they're to come from I can't tell. Half five pounds would have bought 'em; but now they must go without. Of course, they belong to you: and anybody but your own flesh and blood, Mr. Caudle!

Nothing. Oh, not you can have fine feelings

wish people knew you as I do-that's all. You

like to be called liberal,-and your poor

for everybody but those belonging to you.

"The man called for the water-rate to-day: but I should like to know how people are to pay taxes who throw away five pounds to

every fellow that asks them? "Perhaps you don't know that Jack, this morning, knocked his shuttlecock through the bed-room window. I was going to send for the glazier to mend it; but after you lent that five pounds I was sure we couldn't afford it. Oh, no! the window must go as it is; and pretty weather it is for a dear child to sleep with a broken window. He's got a cold already on his lungs, and I shouldn't at all wonder if that broken window settled him. If the dear boy dies, his death will be upon his father's head; for I'm sure we can't now pay to mend windows. We might though, and do a good many more things, too, if people didn't

throw away their five pounds. "Next Tuesday the fire insurance is due. should like to know how it's to be paid? Why, it can't be paid at all! That five pounds would have more than done it; and now, insurance is out of the question. And there never were as many fires as there are now. shall never close my eyes all night-but what's that to you, so people can call you liberal, Mr. Caudle? Your wife and children may all be burned alive in their beds-as al of us to a certainty shall be, for the insurance must drop. And after we've insured for so many years! But how, I should like to know, are people to insure who make ducks and drakes of their five pounds?

"I did think we might go to Margate this summer. There's poor little Caroline, I'm sure she wants the sea. But no, dear creature! she must stop at home-all of us must stop at home-she'll go into a consumption,

there's no doubt of that; yes, sweet little angel! I've made up my mind to lose her, now. The child might have been saved; but people can't save their children and throw

away their five pounds too. "I wonder where poor little Mopsy is! While you were lending that five pounds, the dog ran cut of the shop. You know I never let it go into the street, for fear it should be bit by some mad dog, and come home and bite all the children. It wouldn't now at all astonish me if the animal was to come back with the hydrophobia, and give it to all the family. However, what's your family to you, so you can play the liberal creature with five

"Do you hear that shntter, how it's banging to and fro? Yes, I know what it wants as well as you; it wants a new fastening. I was going to send for the blacksmith to-day, but now it's out of the question: now it must bang of nights, since you've thrown away five

"Ha! there's the soot falling down the chimney. If I hate the smell of anything, it's the smell of soot. And you know it; but what are my feelings to you? Sweep the chimney! Yes, it's all very fine to say sweep the chimney; but how are chimneys to be swept-how are they to be paid for by people who don't take care of their five pounds?

"Do you hear the mice running about the room? I hear them. If they were to drag only you out of bed it would be no matter. Set a trap for them! Yes, it's easy enough to say set a trap for 'em. But how are people to afford mouse-traps, when every day they lose five pounds?

"Hark! I'm sure there's a noise downstairs. It wouldn't at all surprise me if there were thieves in the house. Well, it may be the cat, but thieves are pretty sure to come in some night. There's a wretched fastening to the back door; but these are not times to afford bolts and bars, when people won't take care of their five pounds.

"Mary Anne ought to have gone to the dentist's to-morrow. She wants three teeth taken out. Now, it can't be done. Three teeth that quite disfigure the child's mouth. But there they must stop, and spoil the sweetest face that ever was made. Otherwise, she'd have been a wife for a lord. Now, when she grows up, who'll have her? Nobody. We shall die, and leave her alone and unprotected in the world. But what do you care for that? Nothing; so you can squander away five pounds.

"And thus," comments Caudle, "according to my wife, she-dear soul!-couldn't have a satin gown; the girls couldn't have new bonnets; the water-rate must stand over; Jack must get his death through a broken window; our fire insurance couldn't be paid, so that we should all fall victims to the devouring element; we couldn't go to Margate, and Caroline would go to an early grave; the dog would come home and bite us all mad; the shutter would go banging forever; the soot would always fall; the mice never let us have a wink of sleep; thieves be always breaking in the house; our dear Mary Anne be forever left an unprotected maid-and with other evils falling upon us, all, all because I would go on lending five pounds!

THE SECOND LECTURE.

MR. CAUDLE HAS BEEN AT A TAVERN WITH A FRIEND, AND "IS ENOUGH TO POISON A WOMAN" WITH TOBACCO-SMOKE.

"I'm sure I don't know who'd be a poor woman! I don't know who'd tie themselves up to a man, if they knew only half they'd have to bear. A wife must stay at home, and be a drudge, whilst a man can go anywhere. It's enough for a wife to sit like Cinderella by the ashes, whilst her husband can go drinking and singing at a tavern. You never sing? How do I know you never sing? It's very well for you to say so; but if I could hear you, I dare say you're among the worst of 'em.

"And now, I suppose, it will be the tavern every night? If you think I'm going to sit up for you, Mr. Candle, you're very much mis taken. No: and I'm not going to get out of my warm bed to let you in, either. No: nor Susan sha'n't sit up for you. No: nor you sha'n't have a latch-key. I'm not going to sleep with the door upon the latch, to be murdered before the morning.

"Faugh! Pah! Whewgh! That filthy tobacco-smoke! It's enough to kill any decent woman. You know I hate tobacco, and yet you will do it. You don't smoke yourself? What of that? If you go among people who do smoke, you're just as bad, or worse. You might as well smoke—indeed, better. Better smoke yourself than come home with other people's smoke all in your hair and whiskers "I never knew any good to come to a man who went to a tavern. Nice companions he picks up there! Yes; people who make it a boast to treat their wives like slaves, and ruin their families. There's that wretch, Harry Prettyman. See what he's come to. He doesn't now get home till two in the morning; and then in what a state! He begins quarrel ing with the door-mat, that his poor wife may be afraid to speak to him. A mean wretch! But don't you think I'll be like Mrs. Prettyman. No: I wouldn't put up with it from the best man that ever trod. You'll not make me afraid to speak to you, however you may swear at the door-mat. No, Mr. -Caudle, that

"You don't intend to stay out till two in the morning? How do you know what you'll do when you get among such people? Men can't

answer for themselves when they get boosing one with another. They never think of their poor wives, who are grieving and wearing themselves out at home. A nice headache you'll have to-morrow morning-or rather this morning; for it must be past twelve. You won't have a headache? It's very well for you to say so, but I know you will; and then you may nurse yourself for me. Ha! that filthy tobacco again! No; I shall not go to sleep like a good soul. How's people to go to sleep when they're suffocated

"Yes, Mr. Caudle, you'll be nice and ill in the morning! But don't you think I'm going to let you have your breakfast in bed, like Mrs. Prettyman. Pll not be such a fool. No: nor won't have discredit brought upon the house by sending for soda-water early, for all the neighborhood to say, 'Caudle was drunk last night.' No: I've some regard for the dear children, if you haven't. No: nor you sha'n't have broth for dinner. Not a neck of mutton crosses my threshold, I can tell you.

"You won't want soda, and you won't have broth? All the better. You wouldn't get 'en if you did, I can assure you. Dear, dear, dear The filthy tobacco! I'm sure it's enough to make me as bad as you are. Talking about getting divorced-I'm sure tobacco ought to be good grounds. How little does a woman think, when she marries, that she gives herself up to be poisoned! You men contrive to have it all of your own side, you do. Now it I was to go and leave you and the children, a pretty noise there'd be! You, however, can go and smoke no end of pipes, and—You didn't smoke! It's all the same, Mr. Caudle, if you go among smoking people. Folks are known by their company. You'd better smoke your-self, than bring home the pipes of all the world.

"Yes, I see how it will be. Now you've once gone to a tavern, you'll always be going. You'll be coming home tipsy every night; and tumbling down and breaking your leg, and putting out your shoulder; and bringing all sorts of disgrace and expense upon us. And then you'll be getting into a street fight-oh! I know your temper too well to doubt it, Mr. Caudle-and be knocking down some of the police. And then I know what will follow. It must follow. Yes, you'll be sent for a month or six weeks to the tread-mill. Pretty thing that, for a respectable tradesman, Mr. Caudle, to be put upon the tread-mill with all sorts of thieves and vagabonds, and-there, again, that horrible tobacco !- and riffraff of every kind. I should like to know how your children are to hold up their heads, after their father has been upon the tread-mill? No; I won't go to sleep. And I'm not talking of what's impossible. know it will all happen-every bit of it. If wasn't for the dear children, you might be ruined, and I wouldn't so much as speak about it, but-oh, dear, dear! at least you might go where they smoke good tobacco—but I can't forget that I'm their mother. At least, they

shall have one parent.
"Taverns! Never did a man go to a tavern who didn't die a beggar. And how your potcompanions will laugh at you when they see your name in the 'Gazette!' For it must happen. Your business is sure to fall off; for what respectable people will buy toys for their children of a drunkard? You're not a drunk-

ard! No: but you will be-it's all the same. "You've begun by staying out till midnight. By-and-by 'twill be all night. But don't you think, Mr. Caudle, you shall ever have a key. I know you. Yes; you'd do exactly like that Prettyman, and what did he do, only last Wednesday? Why, he let himself in about four in the morning, and brought home with him his pot-companion, Puffy. His dear wife woke at six, and saw Prettyman's dirty boots at her bed-side. And where was the wretch, her husband? Why, he was drinking down stairs-swilling. Yes; worse than a midnight robber, he'd taken the keys out of his dear wife's pocket-ha! what that poor creature has to bear !- and had got at the brandy. A pretty thing for a wife to wake at six in the morning, and instead of her husband to see his dirty boots!

"But I'll not be made your victim, Mr. Caudle, not I. You shall never get at my keys, for they shall lie under my pillowunder my own head, Mr. Caudle. "You'll be ruined, but if I can help it, you

shall ruin nobody but yourself. "Oh! that hor-hor-hor-i-ble tob-ac-

To this lecture Caudle affixes no comment. A certain proof, we think, that the man had nothing to say for himself. Mrs., Caudle's Curtain Lectures will be continued

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